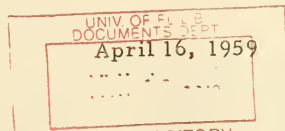


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HATCHERY PRODUCTION
March 1959

Chick Production



Commercial hatcheries produced 302,415,000 chicks during March 1959--14 percent more than in March 1958 and 10 percent more than the 1953-57 average for the month. Chicks produced for broiler production were up 20 percent from March last year. Egg-type chicks produced were up 6 percent.

The number of broiler chicks produced during March totaled 182,240,000, compared with 151,253,000 in March 1958. Production for the first three months of 1959 totaled 482,342,000--up 13 percent from the production during these same months in 1958. Egg-type chicks hatched during March totaled 120,175,000--up 6 percent from March 1958. Production during January through March totaled 215,527,000--3 percent more than the number produced during these months last year.

The demand for broiler chicks continues above that of a year ago and a larger April hatch than a year ago is in prospect. The number of broiler-type eggs in incubators on April 1 was 12 percent more than on April 1, 1958. The number of eggs for egg-type chicks in incubators on April 1 was about the same as on April 1, 1958 indicating little change from the egg-type hatch in April last year.

Poult Production

Heavy white breed poult production during March was 42 percent larger than in March 1958. Other heavy breed poult production (mostly broadbreasted bronze) was down 5 percent. Total heavy breed production was up 1 percent from March 1958. The number of heavy breed poults hatched during the first three months of 1959 was about the same as a year earlier. The hatch of heavy white breed poults was up 38 percent, while other heavy breed poults were down 3 percent.

The number of light breed poults hatched in March totaled 1,727,000 compared with 1,131,000 in March 1958--an increase of 53 percent. For the period January through March, the number of light breed poults hatched was also 53 percent more than the number hatched during these months in 1958.

Turkey eggs in incubators on April 1 indicate that the number of heavy white and light breed poults hatched in April will be larger than in April last year. The hatch of other heavy breed poults, mostly broadbreasted bronze, will be smaller.

Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State and division:	Broiler-type				Egg-type	
	March		January through March		March	
	1958	1959 1/	1958	1959 1/	1958	1959 1/
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine....	4,814	5,236	13,876	14,507	613	716
N.H.....	1,446	1,510	4,135	4,250	537	610
Vt.....	15	8	55	38	80	75
Mass.....	1,522	1,170	4,359	3,452	2,019	2,010
R.I.....	210	272	631	750	57	62
Conn.....	3,425	3,645	9,225	10,547	1,806	1,595
N.E.....	11,432	11,841	32,281	33,544	5,112	5,068
N.Y.....	519	740	1,478	1,830	2,455	2,450
N.J.....	1,372	1,130	4,367	3,540	4,370	4,350
Pa.....	4,918	4,848	14,461	13,194	5,955	6,138
M.A.....	6,809	6,718	20,306	18,564	12,780	12,938
Ohio.....	1,750	2,000	4,620	4,900	5,940	6,300
Ind.....	5,649	6,573	16,660	16,419	5,935	6,443
Ill.....	1,192	1,260	3,581	3,075	7,865	7,923
Mich.....	670	600	1,990	1,850	2,800	2,350
Wis.....	1,529	1,560	4,194	4,670	3,683	3,400
E.N.C....	10,790	11,993	31,045	30,914	26,223	26,416
Minn.....	235	330	690	875	11,570	11,800
Iowa.....	455	400	1,279	1,150	13,510	12,750
Mo.....	5,960	6,382	16,847	16,993	5,010	5,501
N.Dak....	20	---	20	0	730	811
S.Dak....	3	0	63	0	3,326	3,800
Nebr.....	119	125	311	310	4,870	4,695
Kans.....	559	420	1,423	990	3,456	3,500
W.N.C....	7,451	7,657	20,576	20,318	42,472	42,857
Del.....	7,186	6,917	21,780	19,607	31	36
Md.....	7,421	9,031	21,071	24,199	183	307
Va.....	6,456	8,375	18,789	21,745	1,265	1,476
W.Va.....	946	1,123	2,959	2,905	135	216
N.C.....	11,130	13,832	31,580	35,372	1,624	2,101
S.C.....	1,535	1,876	4,711	5,357	775	881
Ga.....	25,546	32,804	75,152	84,782	1,334	2,969
Fla.....	1,833	1,841	5,107	4,827	1,086	1,384
S.A.....	63,053	75,799	181,149	198,794	6,433	9,370
Ky.....	1,195	1,750	3,675	4,450	825	1,150
Tenn.....	3,100	4,100	8,910	11,150	1,415	1,800
Ala.....	9,692	14,495	26,777	36,943	804	1,100
Miss.....	6,309	10,426	17,801	27,264	517	858
E.S.C....	20,296	30,771	57,163	79,807	3,561	4,908
Ark.....	11,298	14,938	31,770	38,974	462	679
Lk.....	1,409	2,422	3,899	6,550	313	454
Okla.....	790	1,000	2,120	2,790	1,300	1,350
Texas....	10,009	9,929	27,325	26,773	3,689	4,607
W.S.C....	23,506	28,289	65,114	75,087	5,764	7,090
Mont.....	76	25	94	47	460	530
Idaho....	253	376	590	994	577	554
Wyo. & ..						
N.Mex. 2/	0	15	0	15	84	37
Colo.....	176	86	395	168	694	653
Ariz.....	45	55	139	165	218	233
Utah.....	178	194	459	510	449	516
Nev.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mount... 1/	728	751	11,677	1,899	2,482	2,523
Wash.....	1,339	1,461	3,443	3,928	1,527	1,403
Oreg.....	1,226	1,503	2,960	4,289	1,022	951
Calif....	4,623	5,457	12,742	15,198	5,530	6,651
Pac.....	7,188	8,421	19,145	23,415	8,079	9,005
U.S.....	151,253	182,240	428,456	482,342	112,906	120,175

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries (continued)

State and division	Egg-type			Total			
	January through March			March		January through March	
	1958	1959 1/	Average: 1953-57:	1958	1959 1/	1958	1959 1/
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Maine.....	1,453	1,719	3,233	5,427	5,952	15,329	16,226
N.H.....	1,308	1,349	3,079	1,983	2,120	5,443	5,599
Vt.....	185	156	154	95	83	240	194
Mass.....	5,051	4,960	3,733	3,541	3,180	9,410	8,412
R.I.....	104	180	227	267	334	735	930
Conn.....	4,802	3,764	5,732	5,231	5,240	14,027	14,311
N.E.....	12,903	12,128	16,158	16,544	16,909	45,184	45,672
N.Y.....	6,319	5,600	4,543	2,974	3,190	7,797	7,430
N.J.....	10,370	9,630	7,687	5,742	5,480	14,737	13,170
Pa.....	12,835	13,783	11,987	10,873	10,986	27,296	26,977
M.A.....	29,524	29,013	24,216	19,589	19,656	49,830	47,577
Ohio.....	11,120	9,800	10,689	7,690	8,300	15,740	14,700
Ind.....	10,419	10,470	16,610	11,584	13,016	27,079	26,889
Ill.....	13,724	13,017	13,983	9,057	9,183	17,305	16,092
Mich.....	5,300	4,550	5,214	3,470	2,950	7,290	6,400
Wis.....	5,066	5,000	5,033	5,212	4,960	9,260	9,670
E.N.C.....	45,629	42,837	51,530	37,013	38,409	76,674	73,751
Minn.....	15,450	15,505	13,888	11,805	12,130	16,140	16,380
Iowa.....	19,220	17,710	16,954	13,965	13,150	20,499	18,860
Mo.....	6,937	7,236	14,744	10,970	11,883	23,784	24,229
N.Dak.....	760	886	940	750	811	780	886
S.Dak.....	4,143	4,697	3,707	3,329	3,800	4,149	4,697
Nebr.....	7,079	6,859	6,789	4,989	4,820	7,390	7,169
Kans.....	5,109	5,120	6,041	4,115	3,920	6,532	6,110
W.N.C.....	58,698	58,013	63,063	49,923	50,514	79,274	78,331
Del.....	37	113	5,799	7,217	6,953	21,817	19,720
Md.....	424	583	7,066	7,604	9,338	21,495	24,782
Va.....	2,505	2,794	8,443	7,721	9,851	21,294	24,539
W.Va.....	161	266	1,386	1,081	1,339	3,120	3,171
N.C.....	3,449	3,828	9,592	12,754	15,933	35,029	39,200
S.C.....	1,783	1,854	1,722	2,310	2,757	6,494	7,211
Ga.....	3,796	7,229	18,333	27,880	35,773	78,948	92,011
Fla.....	2,954	3,708	3,132	2,919	3,225	8,061	8,535
S.A.....	15,109	20,375	55,472	69,486	85,169	196,258	219,169
Ky.....	1,470	1,755	2,837	2,020	2,900	5,145	6,205
Tenn.....	3,000	3,450	3,608	4,515	5,900	11,910	14,600
Ala.....	1,974	2,653	5,879	10,496	15,595	28,751	39,596
Miss.....	1,346	1,991	4,949	6,826	11,284	19,147	29,255
E.S.C.....	7,790	9,849	17,274	23,857	35,679	64,953	89,656
Ark.....	1,019	2,010	7,885	11,760	15,617	32,789	40,984
La.....	737	1,110	1,269	1,722	2,876	4,636	7,660
Okla.....	2,440	2,520	3,214	2,090	2,350	4,560	5,310
Texas.....	9,332	9,907	12,754	13,698	14,536	36,657	36,680
W.S.C.....	13,528	15,547	25,121	29,270	35,379	78,642	90,634
Mont.....	703	714	608	536	555	797	761
Idaho.....	1,030	975	933	830	930	1,620	1,969
Wyo.-N.Mex. 2/	109	59	209	84	52	109	74
Colo.....	1,247	1,110	1,266	870	739	1,642	1,278
Ariz.....	483	542	216	263	288	622	707
Utah.....	981	1,064	670	627	710	1,440	1,574
Nev.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mount.....	4,553	4,464	3,902	3,210	3,274	6,230	6,363
Wash.....	3,709	3,561	3,100	2,866	2,864	7,152	7,489
Oreg.....	2,214	1,872	2,329	2,248	2,454	5,174	6,161
Calif.....	14,882	17,868	11,662	10,153	12,108	27,624	33,066
Pac.....	20,805	23,301	17,290	15,267	17,426	39,950	46,716
U.S.....	208,539	215,527	274,026	264,159	302,415	636,995	697,859

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Baby chicks and turkey poults: Average prices paid to commercial hatcheries,
March 1, 1959

State and division	Baby chicks, per 100			Turkey poults, each		
	Broiler		Egg-type pullets	Heavy breeds		Light
	breeds	Pure	Incross breeds:	White	Other	breeds
	straight	run:	breeds	(Hybrids)		
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Ct.	Ct.	Ct.
Maine	1/11.5	33.0	---	75	---	---
N.H.	12.5	35.5	---	79	---	---
Vt.	12.5	35.5	---	---	---	---
Mass.	12.5	37.5	---	83	88	70
R.I.	12.0	32.0	---	81	---	---
Conn.	1/11.5	32.0	---	81	86	---
N.E.	11.7	35.1	---	81.1	87.6	---
N.Y.	13.0	42.0	58.0	84	80	---
N.J.	15.5	39.0	57.0	80	90	60
Pa.	1/12.5	35.5	45.5	1/75	1/90	1/65
M.A.	13.0	38.3	46.7	79.4	89.9	---
Ohio	12.5	32.5	52.0	1/70	1/75	1/50
Ind.	1/11.5	31.0	53.0	55	65	45
Ill.	1/12.0	33.0	51.0	66	74	50
Mich.	13.0	39.0	56.0	65	68	57
Wis.	14.0	35.5	54.0	57	67	50
E.N.C.	12.1	33.7	53.1	59.5	69.2	50.7
Minn.	15.0	38.0	55.0	1/53	1/65	1/42
Iowa	13.0	38.0	56.0	1/60	1/70	1/45
Mo.	1/8.9	27.0	51.0	1/70	1/70	1/50
N.Dak.	17.0	36.5	51.0	---	---	---
S.Dak.	18.0	35.5	51.0	---	63	46
Nebr.	15.5	33.0	50.0	62	64	56
Kans.	11.5	33.0	56.0	58	62	50
W.N.C.	9.8	33.0	51.9	54.2	67.2	43.8
Del.	1/10.0	---	---	---	---	---
Md.	1/10.0	41.0	57.0	---	---	---
Va. 1/	10.5	41.0	56.0	68	72	45
W.Va.	1/10.5	---	---	---	---	---
N.C.	1/9.0	38.0	49.0	70	65	45
S.C. 1/	9.0	31.0	---	71	72	51
Ga.	1/8.3	37.0	45.0	---	70	---
Fla.	1/10.0	44.5	57.0	65	65	45
S.A.	9.1	40.7	48.9	68.7	69.1	45.6
Ky.	11.0	28.0	---	---	---	---
Tenn.	11.0	39.0	56.0	---	---	---
Ala.	1/9.0	38.0	51.0	68	70	50
Miss.	1/10.0	42.0	48.0	68	65	55
E.S.C.	9.6	37.5	52.2	---	---	---
Ark.	1/10.0	44.0	55.0	65	70	45
La.	1/10.0	43.0	55.0	---	---	---
Okla.	1/14.0	30.0	50.0	60	70	55
Texas.	1/10.0	33.0	53.0	1/50	1/65	1/40
W.S.C.	10.1	34.8	53.1	52.2	66.1	45.9
Mont.	18.5	37.5	48.0	---	---	---
Idaho	15.5	40.0	52.0	---	70	45
Wyo.	16.0	34.0	56.0	---	---	---
Colo.	14.5	32.0	57.0	75	70	45
N.Mex.	---	---	---	---	65	---
Ariz.	18.0	47.0	50.0	---	60	---
Utah	16.0	38.0	50.0	---	68	40
Mount.	15.9	38.3	54.2	---	68.2	42.0
Wash. 1/	14.5	45.5	55.0	---	70	---
Oreg. 1/	16.5	36.0	45.0	---	55	40
Calif. 1/	15.0	36.5	52.0	65	60	45
Pac. 1/	15.2	38.0	52.2	---	59.2	43.9
U.S.	10.2	35.7	51.6	57.7	65.4	45.7

1/ As of the 15th of the month.

Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries - United States

Month	By months				Cumulative			
	1958	1959	1/	Change from:	1958	1959	1/	Change from
				last year				last year
	Thou.	Thou.		Pct.	Thou.	Thou.		Pct.
Broiler-type								
January	139,977	151,874		+ 8	139,977	151,874	+ 11,897	+ 8
February	137,226	148,228		++ 8	277,203	300,102	+ 22,899	+ 8
March	151,253	182,240		+ 20	428,456	482,342	+ 53,886	+ 13
April	162,990				591,446			
May	180,726				772,172			
June	177,588				949,760			
July	172,027				1,121,787			
August	153,013				1,274,800			
September	130,303				1,405,103			
October	133,512				1,538,615			
November	133,650				1,672,265			
December	148,002				1,820,267			
Egg-type								
January	33,995	35,427		+ 4	33,995	35,427	+ 1,432	+ 4
February	61,638	59,925		- 3	95,633	95,352	- 281	---
March	112,906	120,175		+ 6	208,539	215,527	+ 6,988	+ 3
April	135,423				343,962			
May	109,722				453,684			
June	40,376				494,060			
July	18,189				512,249			
August	14,825				527,074			
September	16,550				543,624			
October	16,904				560,528			
November	16,248				576,776			
December	19,564				596,340			
Total chicks								
January	173,972	187,301		+ 8	173,972	187,301	+ 13,329	+ 8
February	198,864	208,153		+ 5	372,836	395,454	+ 22,618	+ 6
March	264,159	302,415		+ 14	636,995	697,869	+ 60,874	+ 10
April	298,413				935,408			
May	290,448				1,225,856			
June	217,964				1,443,820			
July	190,216				1,634,036			
August	167,838				1,801,874			
September	146,853				1,948,727			
October	150,416				2,099,143			
November	149,898				2,249,041			
December	167,566				2,416,607			

1/ Preliminary.

Chicken eggs in incubators April 1, 1959			
Geographic divisions	Percent change from April 1, 1958		Total eggs
	Broiler-type	Egg-type	
New England	+ 3	- 24	- 10
Middle Atlantic	- 8	+ 2	- 2
East North Central	+ 3	- 2	---
West North Central	+ 8	- 3	- 2
South Atlantic	+ 9	+ 27	+ 11
East South Central	+ 34	+ 13	+ 31
West South Central	+ 15	+ 11	+ 15
Mountain	+ 17	+ 6	+ 9
Pacific	+ 19	+ 12	+ 15
United States	+ 12	---	+ 7

Poults hatched and turkey eggs in incubators

Geographic divisions	White		Other		Total		Light breeds ^{1/}	
	heavy breeds 1/		heavy breeds 1/		heavy breeds 1.		1958	
	1958	1959 2/	1958	1959 2/	1958	1959 2/	1958	1959 2/
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Poults hatched during February								
New England	31	35	2	9	33	44	1	0
Middle Atlantic	72	61	108	118	180	179	14	5
East North Central	288	316	1,071	878	1,359	1,194	133	186
West North Central	713	1,092	3,361	3,770	4,074	4,862	250	427
South Atlantic	64	82	526	451	590	533	540	778
South Central	147	152	795	673	942	825	88	156
West	33	170	3,737	3,233	3,770	3,403	105	175
United States	1,348	1,908	9,600	9,132	10,948	11,040	1,131	1,727
Turkey eggs in incubators - April 1								
New England	169	207	46	41	215	248	4	2
Middle Atlantic	249	196	287	309	536	505	40	23
East North Central	878	860	2,850	1,973	3,728	2,833	255	289
West North Central	1,655	2,361	7,210	7,613	8,865	9,974	503	615
South Atlantic	184	271	1,434	1,213	1,618	1,784	1,127	1,328
South Central	344	375	2,233	2,092	2,577	2,167	243	358
West	85	205	7,500	5,975	7,585	6,180	133	217
United States	3,564	4,475	21,560	19,216	25,124	23,691	2,305	2,832

^{1/} See footnotes page 8.

Poults hatched by commercial hatcheries - United States

Month	Month				Cumulative			
	1958		Change from:		1958		Change from	
	1959 2/	1959 2/	last year	last year	1959 2/	1959 2/	last year	last year
	Thou.	Thou.	Percent	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Percent	
Heavy white breeds: 1/								
January	779	1,183	+ 52	779	1,183	+ 404	+ 52	
February	919	1,101	+ 20	1,698	2,284	+ 586	+ 35	
March	1,348	1,908	+ 42	3,046	4,192	+1,146	+ 38	
April	2,223			5,269				
May	3,011			8,280				
June	2,426			10,706				
July	1,622			12,328				
August	779			13,107				
September	492			13,599				
October	606			14,205				
November	850			15,055				
December	1,096			16,151				
Other heavy breeds: 1/								
January	1,723	1,226	- 29	1,723	1,226	- 497	- 29	
February	3,709	3,513	- 5	5,432	4,739	- 693	- 13	
March	9,600	9,132	- 5	15,032	13,871	-1,161	- 8	
April	13,543			28,575				
May	14,141			42,716				
June	9,501			52,217				
July	2,921			55,138				
August	147			55,285				
September	35			55,320				
October	119			55,439				
November	271			55,710				
December	631			56,341				
Total all heavy breeds: 1/								
January	2,502	2,409	- 4	2,502	2,409	- 93	- 4	
February	4,628	4,614	--	7,130	7,023	- 107	- 2	
March	10,948	11,040	+ 1	18,078	18,063	- 15	--	
April	15,766			33,844				
May	17,152			50,996				
June	11,927			62,923				
July	4,543			67,466				
August	926			68,392				
September	527			68,919				
October	725			69,644				
November	1,121			70,765				
December	1,727			72,492				

1/ See footnotes page 8.

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Month	By months			Cumulative			
	1958	1959 2/	Change from:	1958	1959 2/	Change from:	
	Thou.	Thou.	last year	Thou.	Thou.	last year	Pct.
<u>Light breeds 1/:</u>							
January	847	1,501	+ 77	847	1,501	+ 654	+ 77
February	994	1,332	+ 34	1,841	2,833	+ 992	+ 54
March	1,131	1,727	+ 53	2,972	4,560	+1,588	+ 53
April	1,552			4,524			
May	2,156			6,680			
June	2,134			8,814			
July	1,978			10,792			
August	1,097			11,889			
September	546			12,435			
October	468			12,903			
November	662			13,565			
December	1,093			14,658			
Total all							
breeds 1/							
January	3,349	3,910	+ 17	3,349	3,910	+ 561	+ 17
February	5,622	5,946	+ 6	8,971	9,856	+ 885	+ 10
March	12,079	12,767	+ 6	21,050	22,623	+1,573	+ 7
April	17,318			38,368			
May	19,308			57,676			
June	14,061			71,737			
July	6,521			78,258			
August	2,023			80,281			
September	1,073			81,354			
October	1,193			82,547			
November	1,783			84,330			
December	2,820			87,150			

1/ Heavy white breeds include heavy white-feathered breeds, such as Broad white, white Holland, Empire white, Lancaster, and crosses with light white breeds. All other heavy breeds are reported under "other." Light breeds include Beltsville, Jersey Buff, Royal Palm and wild turkeys.

2/ Preliminary.